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## Lake Agassiz returns, all classes canceled

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In a stunning announcement, MSUM president Edna Szymanski called off school for the rest of the semester so students could evacuate Fargo-Moorhead before the “flood of the millenium.”

On Friday, the National Weather Service significantly altered its spring flood outlook for the Red River Valley. Due to record high snowfall upstream, the forecasters are now predicting

the return of Lake Agassiz - an immense body of water that, during its 20,000 year existence, sometimes held as much water as all the today’s lakes combined.

The slow-growing lake won’t break the levees until May, but Fargo-Moorhead and surrounding communities need to immediately begin evacuating to shelters in Hawley, Fergus Falls and Alexandria.

“It’s always a tough call, but we better not have school if water’s going to go up to the roof of the Science Lab Building. It

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## MSUM to refund student tuition

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In light of student achievement, MSUM president Edna Szymanski decided that MSUM will refund tuition to all students maintaining an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.

“Our students work hard, its time we reward them for their academic achievements,” Szymanski said.

The decision was finalized after a unanimous vote on April 2 at the annual budget meeting between the deans of the colleges, President Szymanski and Provost Anne Blackhurst. All of the deans and faculty of MSUM feel that this is one of the greatest ideas brought to the administration and cannot wait to execute the plan.

“I couldn’t think of a better way to reward our students,” Blackhurst said. “I believe this will not only rally student loyalty but also increase our retention rate and new students coming in.”

MSUM students will be given back all the tuition they have paid thus far in three installments with the final installment paid out by August 1.

“I think the students will be very grateful,” Szymanski said.

Multiple students are already planning extravagant ventures to



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President Edna Szymanski swims in a pool of money at her office in Owens Hall Friday afternoon.

spend their money on.

“I think I’m going to buy a yacht,” said Nelly Salk, mass communications junior. “Put it on the lake and bring my friends out

all the time. It will be fun.”

Graphic communications junior Linda Thompson plans to spend her money similar to Salk. “I’m going to take myself and

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## Has the Harlem Shake shook too much?

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It began with a video, posted to YouTube and now our world is in jeopardy.

It’s called “Harlem Shake”; we thought it was simply an amusing video posted from a Norwegian army base, but it was really a warning of what was to come.

There was a prophecy from Norway that came from the infamous, but unknown outside of Norway, national hero Oracle of the Fjords.

A private exclusively told The Advocado of his meeting with her, “I disbelieved her psychic abilities.” But he said during her reading, she suddenly became possessed by

a deep voice, saying “Do the Harlem Shake.”

When she came back from her trance, she claimed to having a vision of true horror and warned him not to do as she had instructed.

The private went back to the base, told his friends about what he had seen, and they decided to ignore the warning and created the video.

“We did not know what we would unleash,” he said in horror, during the interview.

Reports from NASA have confirmed that all the shaking has tilted the world off its axis, and it is spinning out of control – literally.

Dick A. Planets, a renowned researcher of world ending prophecies, went to the International Space Station and studied the world’s axis pattern.

“We never saw this coming,”



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The Harlem Shake has knocked the Earth off its axis.

Planets said. “We were too distracted watching the video, we couldn’t anticipate such destruction from harmless dancing. But we were wrong

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## Campus mall kegger kills 2 students

BY GERISSIKA O'SHAUGNESSEY  
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Last Friday, MSUM finally overturned its Dry Campus policy and allowed all alcoholic beverages to be served on campus.

In celebratory fashion, the student body got together and planned a fantastic kegger in the mall area of the school.

They bought out all the alcohol from 99 Bottles, even the good expensive stuff, and most of the stock from Happy Harry’s in Fargo.

More than 2,500 people showed up for the party. Freshman Eric Gabler said, “It’s a great time to be a dragon,” but then was arrested for being

underage and brought home to be grounded by his parents.

“It will finally be nice to go to class and get drunk,” said Bud Litewieser, an undeclared major of seven years.

“This is awful,” Taylor Periwinkle, a member of the Do Not Drink Coalition. “This is really irresponsible, I loved this school for being a sober school and hiding it’s drinking in the dark hallways and in the dorms of the Beer Can – I mean Nelson, or some other dorm ... It was an unspoken agreement from the students to the school, we don’t appear drunk and we didn’t get arrested.”

At the height of the party, students turned on the flames of the dragon statue by the library and threw alcohol into

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# Boxer or Briefs

Campus Calendar 4.09-4.13	
4.09	<b>National White Girl Wasted Day</b> , Holmquist and Grantham  <b>4 - 6:30 p.m.</b> Food poisoning awareness, Kise Commons
4.10	<b>Hump day</b> , Nelson  <b>6 a.m. - 9 p.m.</b> Puddle jumping, MSUM campus  <b>9 p.m. - 11 p.m.</b> Miley Cyrus fan club meeting, CMU 222
4.11	<b>No class</b> , Thirsty Thursday
4.12	<b>9 a.m.</b> That awkward Friday math class nobody goes to  <b>10 p.m.</b> Lame house party featuring country music and Captain Morgan, 12th Street



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World Snooze

**Kim Jung Un challenges Obama to rock, paper, scissors match**

North Korean leader Kim Jung Un has challenged President Barack Obama to a rock, paper, scissors match with the winner getting to decide who gets to launch the first missile.

Un, the champion of the universe in rock, paper, scissors has been practicing his skills while his missiles sit in the wings of his mansion.

Obama, meanwhile has had little time to practice because he has been playing too much golf.

Un has a reputation for being ruthless when he plays and likes to scare his opponent by telling him what he is going to do, but he actually doesn't do it.

The match will be televised on all major networks and will interrupt The Voice finale, making Americans even more pissed.

**Queen goes crazy on Twitter**

After people began to criticize her for being older than the country itself, Queen Elizabeth of England took to Twitter to appeal to the younger generation. Hashtags included:

#ThroneGroans  
#ParliMental  
#Class4dayz  
#DowntonAbbeyProbs  
#1DOnMyMind  
#OffWithTheirHeads  
#MonarchyMalarky  
#WillandKate4ever  
#BloodyHell  
#BowDownBitchez  
#TeaAndKrumping  
#KeepCalmAndPartyOn

**Beyonce announces her presidential bid**

If you like it then you should have put a West Wing on it.

Beyonce, lead singer of Destiny's Child and wife of pop mogul Jay Z, has decided to run for President in 2016. Democrat? Republican? Neither.

"I will be starting my own party, the Diva Party," says Beyonce. "Celine Dion will be the head of the party, Britney Spears is in charge of the committee and Ke\$ha will be chairwoman. I'm confident that these bad bitches and I will lead this country with smarts and sass."

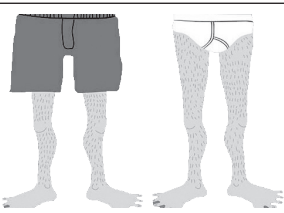
Her daughter, Blue Ivy, has yet to comment on the recent announcement. Political pundits speculate that Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj were also considering running, but after signing up to judge American Idol, their careers took a nasty and irreparable turn.

Beyonce's platform is, "This Country Too Bootylicious, Go America!"

She plans to announce her backup singers Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams as her Vice Presidents.

When asked why she wants to be president, her response was simple:

"Who runs the world? Girls."



**Advocado wins Pulitzer Prize in journalism**

On Monday, the Advocado editor Jasmine Maki received a call informing her that the paper has won a national prize. She could not believe her ears and responded, "You're kidding me? These losers?"

The Pulitzer is an honor given for excellence in journalism. Usually given to one person, the entire staff is being recognized for its brilliance. The committee says the Advocado's eight-part piece on the toe fungus epidemic in the dorms was riveting, gross and hard-hitting news. The accompanying photography was jarring and provided viewers with a gut-wrenching portrayal of the trials and tribulations of being a freshman.

President Obama will present them the award in the CMU next week.

**Study finds MSUM squirrels to be 'bear-like'**

The science department teamed up to conduct a study on the ravaging animals that haunt our campus: squirrels.

Most squirrels are cute and friendly, but MSUM squirrels are vicious, obese and rabid.

"After studying squirrels from various communities, campus and countries around the world, we have definitively concluded that MSUM's squirrel population resembles more of a small bear than a large rodent," said biology professor Ellen Brisch.



MSUM squirrel eats a piece of pizza

**Mother Nature cancels summer indefinitely in the Midwest**

In a press conference yesterday, Mother Nature announced her plan to eliminate summer for the midwestern region of America. After months and months and months and months of harsh weather and snow, she believes this change makes sense.

"Why not? Nine months of the year is frozen already," she said.

Because of this, students at MSUM can anticipate higher tuition to pay for snow plows, heat and corn cob pipes, button noses and eyes made out of coal.

In response to the press conference, President Edna says she plans on preventing classes from being on Mondays, since "we never have classes that day anyway."

Mother Nature giggled and agreed... she hates Mondays.

Securrrrrity Update

Director of Da Safety

Paul Blart, Campus Mall Cop

4.02

Rabid squirrels attacked three students walking to class. Animal control was called, unable to apprehend squirrels.

4.03

Student mugged in campus mall. Ceramic mugs were thrown at him by several hooded individuals. There wasn't even hot chocolate in them.

Pot found in Nelson. Returned to pan collection on fourth floor.

Student trapped in library. All entrances closed. Librarians told student to wait three years until renovations are done.

4.04

Girl slips on ice. Nobody cared.

Hipsters stage sit-in at Owens to protest something you've probably never heard about.

Students in the Union City Cafe began chasing each other with chopped up meat. #HashTag

4.05

A catastrophic pothole located on Eleventh Street causes four-car pile up. Two drivers disappear in pothole, archeology department leads search.

4.06

A fight broke out in Kise over last KFC chicken bowl.

Safety Tip of the Week

Text and Drive to Stay Alive

When you get into a car accident, it's super hard to find your phone and call 9-1-1. A new study suggests that if you continuously text while driving, you'll be ready if a crash occurs. Police suggest constantly texting things like, "Help I'm about to crash" or "I might roll the car at any moment." If your car does hit something, make sure your thumb is on the send button so the force from the crash will cause you to send the text. It's the safest way.

To report a problem contact 911 at 9-1-1.

Have any questions you need answered? Google it like everyone else does.

**MSUM faculty starts D2L confession page**

Schools across America have gained recognition for Twitter accounts that enable the users to anonymously confess about people and events that occur on campus. Recently, the faculty have joined the craze ... in their own academic style.

A D2L page titled, "MSUM Staff Confessions" has been discovered. Much like Twitter, the postings are anonymous and about the different people at MSUM. The staff can comment on each other's posts and get graded on their gossip.

"Nelson's syllabus was so disorganized. He's an embarrassment to this college. #TenureProblemz"

**Campus bans longboards, most students drop out**

Due to safety reasons, MSUM has announced a ban on longboards on campus. Because of the student risk in the campus mall, the administration has decided that campus would be safer without longboards.

Because of this, almost seven thousand people have pulled their admission and are choosing to transfer schools.

"Yeah man, this is totally a violation of my freedom, ya know?" Mick Stoner said.

No word on bicycles yet, but most get stolen anyway, so yeah.

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Application deadline: 4/19



# Stuff Nobody Cares About

## MSUM adds pornography emphasis to perk up film program

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There is some stiff competition in the job market.

This Thursday, MSUM announced their plan to add a pornography emphasis to the film department.

According to my creepy uncle, the pornography field is a booming market and is worth billions. The Internet, cable, movies, magazines, sex shops.... You can find pornography wherever you turn. While only 70 percent of men admit to regular porn use, 100 percent of Americans probably watch it.

The school has found that people who graduate with film degrees are finding it increasingly more difficult to find applicable jobs in the industry. The transition from college to real life can be hard, and there can only be so many



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award-winning directors, so it can be discouraging when you don't win an Oscar straight out of college.

When it comes to pornography, there is a constant demand for cameramen, directors, writers, producers and actors (though, the performers would likely come with a theater background). The MSUM administration believes this emphasis will make

students more well rounded and equipped for any jobs that might arise.

"Students need to strap on a degree that will get them the most lucrative job," says Starr Wexxler, adjunct pornography professor at Voyeurism University. "Education is like a lubricant to make transitions smooth and easy. Pornography will always be here."

People in opposition to this new program have argued that this is a deplorable waste of university funding. They say pornography is disgusting and sinful. To them, Wexxler says this:

"We will not bend over and take this criticism. Hello, pornography is the pelvis of our economy. Every second, 3,500 dollars is being spent on porn, according to something I read one time. Cigarettes kill people, Diet Coke kills people, pornography makes people happy."

Wexxler makes a point. Perhaps supporting the pornography industry is the "stimulus" our economy really needs. That's why MSUM wants their students to be prepared for its climax. One day, pornography will peak, and students with degrees will be on top.

Students are ready to jump at

this opportunity.

"I've been studying my whole adolescent life for this degree," said Willy Wilde, an MSUM freshman.

"We want to prepare students for the real world," said one administrator. "They can't be soft when going in there."

The pornography emphasis requires 69 credits. Classes will include "History of Pornography," "Sex Sells," "Fake It Til You Make It," "Profitable Positions" and "Anatomy of Adam and Eve."

Administrators are contacting Hugh Hefner about speaking at the grand unveiling of the emphasis.

MSUM will hire professors with professional experience. They are currently vetting legends like Crystal Chandelier, Pamela Anderson, Dick Chainy, Jimmy Dixxon, Candy Smiles and Kim Kardashian.

## Pop Cltur Upd8

Ur weekly look @ the best things in Hollywood

BY TIFFANY

So, like, I just love writing about arts and entertainment because it's everything important in life. Politics? Boring. Literature? Snooze. College kids only care about what Lindsay Lohan is doing, who Blake Lively is wearing and what Amanda Bynes is smoking. Here's the headlines for the week.

### 1. Pretty Little Liars

Oh. Em. Gee. That finale was cray cray. For all the little liars out there, this show is the most juicy and delicious guilty pleasure out there. The drama, the boys, the scandal – it's like being a part of the MSUM football team. Spoilers are coming, so close your eyes if you haven't watched it yet. What? Toby's alive? Totes cray. How does that even work? Red Coat is such a diva and it scares me like so so much. If you don't watch PLL, you should

just jump off a social bridge or something. It's totes brill.

### 2. Taylor Swift

Wowowow. It's like she jumped into by heart, swam around in my emotions and put my soul into music. She just started her tour and I'm totes stoked to see her in Fargo in September. People always rag on her for voicing her love and loss, but like, if you look at MSUM's Twitter confessions, dragons are way skankier... seriously. She's the song bird of our generation and the "it" girl.

### 3. J Biebs in the deep end

Us Beliebers are having a hard time copeing with his rollercoaster of a life, am I right? I mean like, first you hit a paparazzi, then you get caught with weed, and now you're going to court for spitting on your neighbor. C'mon, Justypoo, you're totes letting us down. You're like the dance time: the badass rep isn't for you and your baby face. So just focus on

your music and you're golden, I promise. <3

### 4. Kim's about to burst

Guys, I CANNOT wait to watch the episode of Kim and Kourtney Take Miami where Kim tells her sisters she's preggers. Their lives are so fab, I just can't even handle it. I hope her baby and Blue Ivy Carter are BFFs and they make a cool kids club, kinda like the Plastics on Mean Girls. I don't really know how good of a baby daddy Kanye is going to be, but I'm pullin' for him. You go, Kim.

### 5. John and Katy no more

John Mayer is totes the heartbreak king of Hollywood. After he dumped my girl, T Swizzle, I just can't even like him anymore. And now Katy Perry? Please, John, be a man and respect your lady. Ellen tried to call you out on your show and you just weren't having it... embarrassed much? I would be.

## MSUM purchases dragon

BY LYSANDER CHUBBZ  
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While there may already be nine thousand dragons on campus, MSUM is about to get one more. This one, hotter than the rest.

With continuous tuition hikes, the administration has finally rallied enough money to buy a pet dragon mascot for the school. Many people believe that dragons are mythical creatures. On the contrary, there is a booming dragon black market where some of the most esteemed people purchase their scaly friends.

How much do they cost? Well, if you have to ask, you can't afford one.

After a less than successful football season, the administration felt it necessary to light a fire under our rumps to boost morale. They decided the best way to do this was literally.

Alfred the Dragon is 70 feet tall and 100 feet long, though officials believe he will quadruple in size by 2015. Since PetSmart doesn't have a cage that big, housing plans on cleaning out Nelson so Alfred can have a home.

People have opposed the purchase of Alfred by claiming it is pointless to have a dragon. After all, what use will the university have?

Because of this, president Szymanski issued a press release where she named the following functions for Alfred:

- During sporting events, we can charge patrons to take a quick ride on the majestic creature to see the wonderful landscape of the Fargo-Moorhead area;
- The science department has created a machine that will turn Alfred's fire into usable heat, thereby eliminating all heating costs for the buildings;
- Kise will use Alfred to cook

meals quicker;

- Dragon Ambassadors will use Alfred to ride around on tours;
- Sporting teams will ride Alfred to distant sporting events;
- The Intramural Quidditch tournaments will have a fun new element to its competition

The Harry Potter Appreciation Club on campus promises to take care of Alfred. The biology department will soon add a dragon history and anatomy class to better prepare students.

The best part? Alfred can sneeze and turn all the Cobbers into popcorn.



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Alfred the Dragon will arrive on campus any day now.

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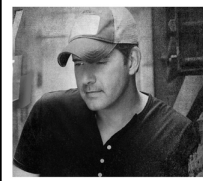
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# Fluff

## Students raise awareness for something or other

BY TARAH SYRE  
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Friday, the MSUM courtyard was filled with students with signs, posters, and T-shirts saying “Raise Awareness,” unfortunately, no one seemed to know what they were raising awareness for.

The efforts of students drew a large crowd of approximately 50 people. They had pamphlets and brochures. The brochures were filled with information about awareness.

The materials that were handed out were filled with tips on how to spread the word. “First, make sure to make T-shirts. And not just any T-shirt, they have to be brightly colored,” the brochure read.

The brochure also focused on having food and free giveaways as methods of spreading the word. It stated that having booths with colorful signs is a must.

“It is good to raise awareness. How else is anything ever going to change,” said Ryan Smith, a political science senior.

The day was filled with balloons, cake and even singing. The choir came out to put on an awareness show. They performed a number of Phill Collins tunes. Audience members applauded enthusiastically.

“I’m really glad the Raise Awareness Group approached us about this event, even though I’m not sure what it’s about,” said Russell Russellson, music production senior and choir member.

When asked what they were raising awareness for, group members seemed confused. They weren’t sure what it was for either.

“We are raising awareness just because it is a good thing to do,” said Brianna Miller, mass communications junior and head of the Raising Awareness team. “We think it makes people feel good.”

Audience members were equally as confused.

“I thought this was some kind of garage sale,” said Amy Yorkie, a Moorhead resident. “I was pleasantly surprised when I found out they were giving away food and clothes. Not really sure what all this awareness mumbo jumbo is.”

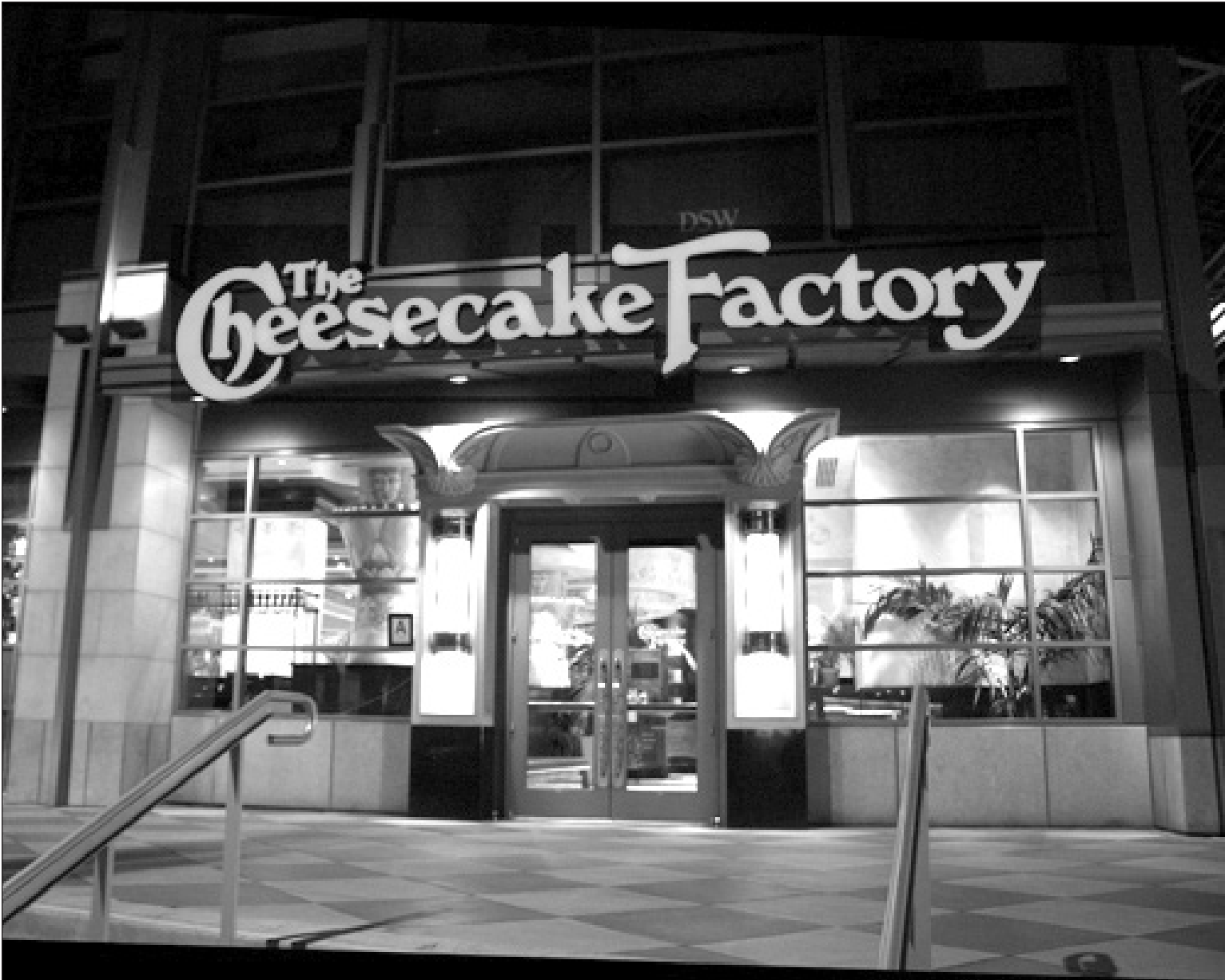
Despite their confusion, student participants seemed optimistic about their message.

“It feels so good to be a part of something big like this. I think we really got people’s attention today,” said Mammasita Wagner, a mass communications senior. “I think we could take this all the way to the White House.”

The MSUM Raise Awareness group has three more events like this one scheduled. They also have a trip to the Minnesota capitol building planned. They hope that their efforts will spark others to raise awareness as well.

“Our mission is to make sure all students are aware. That way they can go into the world and make other people aware,” Miller said.

## Cheesecake Factory to open on campus



Submitted photo

The proposed campus restaurant will be five stories high.

BY HARPO WINFREY  
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A Cheesecake Factory will be opening April 13, in the CMU. This is a result of faculty efforts to provide more options for students.

Cheesecake Factory’s is know for its cheesecake and also for its many different selections of sandwiches and pasta. Being the first of its kind to open in Fargo-Moorhead it is expected to draw quite a crowd.

“It was a lot of work, but

we did it for the students,” said Bette Smith, Sodexo administrator. “We hope they will enjoy it.”

Cheesecake Factory officials are excited about the grand opening.

“We heard that people here really love cheesecake. So, of course, it’s going to be good for us,” said Robert Orian, Cheesecake Factory spokesman. “We usually only open in major metropolitan areas, but something about this campus gave me a good feeling.”

The restaurant will take the place of Subs n’ Sweets. Because there is limited room to build, the restaurant will be 5 stories high.

Students couldn’t be more excited about this announcement.

“When I heard The Cheesecake Factory was coming to campus, I was like, ‘well, duh’ who loves cheesecake more than MSUM students,” said Tarah Syre, a mass communications senior.

In fact, the rumors of the opening led to chaos. Shortly

after the announcement, students went streaking through Kise Commons.

“I was so excited about the news. I instantly felt so free that I had to express it,” said Ted Lincoln, a neuroscience senior. “What better way to express my newfound freeness than streaking?”

Soon many others were following Ted. No disciplinary action was taken.

Cheesecake Factory officials expect the construction to be done by the end of this week.



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## How to not set yourself on fire

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Living in a flammable world can be hard sometimes. There are many tips and tricks to keep in mind to protect yourself from an agonizing, crispy death.

### Cooking

When using appliances like the stove, oven or grill, it is important to not walk away from them while you are cooking. You never know when something could happen.

It is also important to make sure to cook only food. Roasting a tennis ball or your sister's favorite pair of jeans may seem like a lot of fun, but it could ultimately mean your demise.

Some signs that there could be a fire include: a large amount of smoke, a smell that suggests something is burning and visible flames.

One thing to never do is place flammable objects or chemicals in the food you are preparing. Chrissy Smith, biology senior, found that out the hard way.

"I put a can of lighter fluid inside a turkey I was cooking once. I thought it would add a nice tangy surprise," Smith said. "Next thing I know, my hair is on fire along with my whole kitchen."

### Camping

When building a bonfire, go easy on the lighter fluid. A little goes a



long way.

Also standing on or near the fire is a sure way to inflict bodily harm. Keep all body parts away from the flames.

Building fires on top of dry grass is a bad idea. It is almost as bad as building a fire under a very low, dry tree branch. Another bad place to decide to toast smores is inside the living room. It may seem cozy, but could lead to charred flesh.

### Fireworks

When lighting fireworks, do not hold them in your hand. Do not point them directly at your face.

It is also a bad idea to spray fireworks with mosquito spray or any kind of flammable liquid.

If any of these tips fail, and you find your self set ablaze, always remember to Stop, Drop and Roll. If your cell phone is not totally charred, call 911.

## Students discover puddle portals



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"This puddle took me to Hogwarts," said Luis Lovegood, history sophomore.

"I was transported to an apocalyptic future society ran by corn fed Bison," said Ryan Bagburn, mass communications junior.

"I accidentally stepped in this puddle and found myself surrounded by warring mole people," said Rufus Possible, archeology freshman.

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# Rant Rag

## Advocado Editorial Board

#no #need >  
#140characters

Nowadays, who needs to use full sentences with correct spelling and such? Like Ke\$ha, we R who we R. There's totes no need to write more than 140 characters. We can get all the useful info we need in a tweet so Y are our Professors expecting us to create long-winded papers that no will care about or read? Ain't nobody got time for that.

Some professorz disagree. "Students need to know the correct grammatical structure. It's very important that ... blah, blah, something about we are the future, what is this world coming too, no one is ever going take you seriously, or something or other," one prof said.

So probably no one is reading this now, but whatevs. We at the Advocado recognize this growing trend and move that all communication between students and faculty should be allowed to be shortened and use abbreviations. We can #hashtag #subjects, this will make it easier to Google the key words. Because that's all you really need anyways is the occasional wiki. Ya know what mean, right?

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## Handy advice from Shandy



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Dear Shandy,  
I've been told I'm not the best at reading people. How can you tell a few things about a person without actually asking them? In other words, how can you judge a book by its cover? Everybody's doing it, and I feel so left out.

Gentle reader,

Judging people is easy. I will provide some basic examples of how to make assumptions based on appearance. Follow these simple guidelines to join in on the fun.

Step No. 1: Apparel

If you spot a man, boy, whatever, wearing Converse shoes, you can safely assume they skateboard, snowboard, do drugs, want to

legalize marijuana, drink alcoholic substances straight from the bottle, don't have a full-time job and never will. No wonder she said, "See ya later, boy." He wasn't good enough for her.

When a woman with flowing hair comes jaunting down the pavement in oversized

sunglasses, a pleather jacket, dark-washed jeans and matching pleather boots, you can

pretty much presume she's a college student with meager funds trying to appear professional, fashionably casual and rather successful. This is what I wore today.

The guys and gals in sweats can't decide whether they want to work out or sleep.

Step No. 2: Facial hair, or lack thereof

The mustache crew has been in their heyday for awhile now. They became fashionable again by earning the respect of other men and garnering humor points from women of some notable personality.

For the younger men and women

who can't grow their own, mugs, glasses and mustaches on Popsicle sticks are now available to hide their otherwise hairless upper lips. By using these accoutrements, they are attempting to hide their insecurities with humor – facial humor.

They are followers. They join

the crowd by finding mustaches hilarious. They take dozens of pictures with Instagram of their 'stached selves and eagerly await

Facebook friends after they've posted these selfies. They probably wear Ray-Bans – thick-framed Ray-Bans. They are attention needy.

Step No. 3: Hair

If you meet a girl with anything other than black or brown hair, she's probably a fake. If she has blonde hair, she's a fake. If she has red hair, she's the biggest fake there is.

Will the Shandys die out?  
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## Jeans, an evil patriarchal invention



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Dear readers, today I will share some of my expertise. I have committed whole-heartedly to this research, so much so that relatives refer to me as "No pants April." It's about commitment folks. Through my long love affair with the spandex and cotton apparel, I have found these truths.

Leggings are an acceptable form of sweatpants. They are stretchy and forgiving, they always fit, even the day after Thanksgiving. You will look fashionable, be comfortable and able to eat that extra dessert. No more praying that those jeans will fit on Monday, just slip into leggings and jet off to work.

Leggings are the perfect attire for almost any physical activity. Go ahead, dance, jump and run. They won't rip, or constrain your limbs from expressing themselves freely, the way God intended limbs to bend, without restrictions. Those brightly

colored jeans may make a statement but they confine the wearer in a self-conscious, wallflower state, unable to join the twirl of dresses on the dance floor or the energetic shorts in the park. I know everyone wants to learn how to dougie and twerk, now you can while still maintaining modesty and poise.

Leggings are retro comfort and blend into any social circle.

Everyone wears leggings, the jocks, the preps, the geeks, and the socialites. First made famous in the '80s, leggings are acceptable in all settings. Just alter the look by purchasing certain colors with various accessories. Rip a hole or two in that jet black pair for attending a rock concert. Purchase a soft pink color to pair with a floral dress if you're invited to sit with Regina George at lunch. Slip into a oversized jersey and you're ready for flag football. Find a pair with tribal patterns, dig out your Dad's old t-shirt, and you can head off to the coffee house to conspicuously scan "On the Road" while sipping a nonfat, extra soy latte.

Leggings express feminists' ideals. First, we were required to be covered head-to-toe in layers of petticoats and corsets, then centuries later, only sweaters and poodle skirts. Now, finally we are free to choose. Why should we reflect the patriarchal head of society and slap

on a pair of wranglers? Express your freedom ladies and intrigue the boys by making them question, "Is she wearing pants or are those tights? What are they, really?"

These are just few of the freedoms, ladies can feel when sporting leggings. Ignore society's jealous claim, "leggings are not pants," they are better than pants. They are

the pants of the twenty first century. Women everywhere, break free of the blue jean disease and pull on a pair of leggings.

Join the neupants movement today: leggings forever. The revolution is here!

*"Gotcha, this is not an actual quote from the article. Read it. It's worth it. Also try out some leggings."*

Editor's note: Iware Neupants is currently missing, she was seen running across campus, de-pantsing students, screaming, "Viva la leggings, free your limbs!" Any information on her whereabouts should be forwarded to Paul Blart Campus Mall Cop.

What's neupants deal? She cray, cray.  
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# Skipping & Hopping

## Quarterback drafted by Vikings, hopes to lead them to Promised Land

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The Minnesota Vikings have finally found the person that will answer all the prayers the purple and gold have had. Drafted in the first round of the National Football League draft, former MSUM Dragon quarterback Bontus Shomolian was picked to lead the Vikings to the promised land and end the over 100 year drought of winning a championship. “I’m excited to be a Viking, I think we can win a championship this year,” Shomolian said. While playing for the Dragons, Shomolian led the team to a 35-2 record in four years. In his final season, Shomolian was named the Division II player of the year, earning all first place votes while having his best season for the Dragons. Shomolian finished with 30 touchdowns, nine interceptions and more than 3,500 yards in

passing. Shomolian also rushed for more than 1,000 yards during the season. Shomolian led the Dragons to three comeback wins and is credited for saving the season numerous times. “He really carried us this season, he took us to the next level,” head coach Fredrickson Joe said. Shomolian comes to the Vikings at the perfect time, with Hall of Fame quarterback Breatus Flapjack retiring after 22 years in the league. Flapjack will stay on the Vikings staff and mentor Shomolian in his first year. “I’m fortunate to have (Flapjack) there to help me along the way, he will really help me along the way,” Shomolian said. Shomolian caught the Vikings attention when he made SportsCenter for his game against the New Piedmont Coyotes where he finished with fifteen touchdowns and more

than 1,000 yards in passing. “I knew right then and there that I had to have this guy on our team, what he did was absolutely remarkable,” said Vikings head coach Shermanason Longslide. Shomolian credits his off-season workouts of flexing his muscles and lifting weights in his playroom as keys to his success. “All of my hard work is paying off, I always knew I would be in the NFL ... I just didn’t know it would happen this quickly,” he said. Shomolian was in Newcastle on the day of the draft, he didn’t know the Vikings would be picking him. “I was in total shock, but now that it has happened I’m really happy to be here,” he said. The Vikings and Shomolian aren’t the only ones excited; it’s the fans that have the most enthusiasm. Less than two hours after being drafted,

Shomolian’s jersey became the number one best seller in the history of the league and sold out in all stores. “He is exactly what we need,” said lifelong Viking fan Trudgy Kinish. Shomolian will look to lead the Vikings to their first winning season in over a decade and he said the first goal is to beat their biggest rival, the Grandlyn Bear Porcupines.

“We need to beat them (Porcupines), we need to establish that we mean business when we step on the field and that we aren’t a joke anymore,” Shomolian said. With his shining personality, somewhat hard work ethic and a drive to win Shomolian will fit right in with the Vikings, because if history shows anything, then the only place the Vikings can go is up.



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Bontus Shomolian of MSUM hopes to give Viking fans a reason to cheer.

## Track star leaves Bolt in dust; Bolt moves to MSUM

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Gone in a flash, that is what people around the world say about what happened when Dragon track and field standout Jyunahlyn Embry raced Usain Bolt in a 100-meter dash. Embry and Bolt, both regarded as the two fastest men in the world, did plenty of trash talking before the highly anticipated race. “He thinks he can beat me? That will never happen,” Bolt said. Embry took a more direct approach when talking about Bolt. “He is fast, I’ll give him that much, but he’s no different than me and I have just as good of chance of winning,” Embry said. Putting everything behind them and focusing on the race, both men were ready for the race that took place in Timbuktu. Embry jumped out of the blocks right away and left Bolt seeing his back the rest of the way. This race was the fastest the 100-meter dash has ever been run, in 7.9 seconds.

After the race, Embry was in shock at what just happened. “I can’t believe it ... I knew I was fast but to do this was something special,” he said. Bolt on the other hand had a different story as to what happened. “He left early, I know he did ... I want a rematch,” he said. After the race Embry left to come back to Moorhead and Bolt followed, deciding that if Embry was too much of a chicken that he would come to MSUM and see if he can do it twice in a row. Bolt decided to live in Nelson Hall, also known as the “Beer Can,” but we all know nothing like that goes on at MSUM. But it isn’t just about racing

Embry again, it’s about seeing what life is like in Minnesota and to see what he has been missing out on. “I’m here to race and explore the area,” Bolt said. That doesn’t mean that the race isn’t going to happen. Embry and Bolt have both agreed to a rematch, again this time Embry feels he has the edge. “I’ve done it once so I can do it again ... especially since we are racing on my home track,” he said. With a track now clear of snow, it happened to be a beautiful day with the temperature in the mid seventies the race had the perfect conditions. Thousands of students and people in the Fargo-Moorhead area arrived early to get a good seat at Alex Nemzek Stadium. President Edna Szymanski started the race and this time Embry proved it was no fluke. Embry beat Bolt in an even faster time of 7.1 seconds, proving that he now owns the title of fastest man in the world.

Students were celebrating after the race and wanted the world to take notice of how good life is at MSUM. “This school is so awesome, this is what we want the world to know about MSUM, how we are creating a name for ourselves,” Anderson James said. After the race, Embry decided to celebrate with a victory lap around the track stopping to sign autographs and pose for pictures, which were immediately put on Facebook and Twitter. Embry even became a trending topic on Twitter, this time for something good rather than about a little bomb threat to our friends across the river. This is a bigger deal than people realize. “I’m so happy to have done this in front of my friends and school ... maybe now all the negative people will stop talking and see what I did as a changing of the guard,” Embry said. Embry is racing towards the finish line with the confidence of knowing that he is truly the best and the fastest man in the world.



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Usain Bolt ran against MSUM's Jyunahlyn Embry in a 100-meter dash.




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# News

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just sounds like a hazard,” the president said with a chuckle. “Not like it makes much a difference for Monday classes. Most of those were canceled already. Damn snow!”

MSUM geosciences professor Paul Sando said Lake Agassiz’s return was inevitable, although he didn’t think it would happen during his lifetime.

“Much like ovulation, floods and lakes are cyclical,” Sando said. “It won’t be as large as the original lake, but it will devastate the immediate areas around the Red River.”

Anne Blackhurst, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, is leading the search for a new location for MSUM. Some options, she said, are merging with Bemidji State, taking over the technical college in Detroit Lakes or just liquidating assets to pay for handsome executive compensation packages.

“This news is just so new, we have to juggle the concerns of all parties, while of course

putting students first throughout the whole ordeal,” Blackhurst said.

Students reacted with a mix of excitement for not having to take finals and sadness that their school was going to be wiped off the map, depending on how seriously they were taking their college education.

“Bro, bro, bro,” proclaimed Dallas Hempfield, a recreation and leisure studies 7th year senior. “Now I won’t fail my classes.”

Another student thought up a way to use Fargo-Moorhead’s tragedy to her personal advantage.

“It’s pretty sweet,” said Pixie McFadden, a film junior. “I’m going to shoot a documentary about the evacuation!”

But when the Advocado cornered him in office Sunday night, Student Senate President Russel Ferguson looked like he had been crying.

“Today is really not such a great day to be a dragon,” Ferguson admitted, defeatedly.

## TUITION, FROM FRONT

four friends to the Bahamas for two weeks,” she said.

Several other students responded with a plane ticket to Spain, a fleet of racecars and even a racehorse.

While many students are planning extravagant ventures with their money, others are staying closer to home and improving their everyday life.

“I am going to buy enough lawn gnomes to fill my entire yard,” said Dave Davidson,

music education major. “I have had a passion for those little things since I can remember and having a yard full will be a dream come true.”

Payments to students will start on May 1 right in time for seniors to use the money on graduation trips or buying their dream home.

“I look forward to paying it back to students, and I can’t wait to see what some of the students plan to do with their money,” Szymanski said.

# Editor dismissed after diary discovered

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The editor of The Advocado has been dismissed after Advocado staff members found a revealing diary entry.

Opinion editor April Knutson and copy editor Kayla Van Eps discovered the diary entry, which revealed the editor’s true feelings toward the staff, in The Advocado office. The two quickly called a secret meeting with the rest of the staff to discuss their finding.

“We felt it was our responsibility to inform the rest of the staff,” Van Eps said. “They deserved to know the truth.”

“She acts like she’s our friend, but apparently those feelings aren’t real,” Knutson added.

During the meeting yesterday, Knutson read the letter aloud. Arts and entertainment editor Brian Ashburn was outraged.

“I can’t believe she’d dis my Taylor,” Ashburn shouted. “Who does she think she is?”

Other editors quickly chimed in. “She thinks I’m a psycho? I’ll show her psycho,” features editor Sarah Tyre said, laughing hysterically.

Others staff members took the news a little differently.

Sports editor Breann Lenzmeier burst into tears. “I try my hardest every week,” she said wiping a tear from her cheek. “I just want every one to be healthy and nutritious.”

“Corgis aren’t ugly,” photo editor Jessica Fleming said as her eyes filled with tears. “I just love them so much.”

Assistant editor Meredith Wathne quickly took control of the

situation. “Who wants to impeach this B?”

After a unanimous vote, Wathne went to The Advocado adviser

Kristi Monson to share the news. “Say hello to your new editor, MSUM,” Wathne said with a smirk.

4/7/13  
Confessions of an editor

Could my week get any worse? I'm up until 4 a.m. in The Advocado office because everyone on staff is a piece of s\*\*\*.

Brian (our ASE editor) didn't have any of his stuff done, but what's new? He's always watching those obnoxious Taylor Swift music videos. I mean, seriously, if you're going to waste my time, the least you could do is pick an artist with a hint of talent. And who does he think he is moving the mouse every day? Honestly, just because you're left-handed you think you can do whatever you want? Ha, I don't think so, buddy!

Don't even get me started with Breann. I don't know what I was thinking hiring a girl as the sports editor. Seriously, who was I kidding? That's no job for a female. All she ever wants to write about is yoga and latest weightloss craze.

Sarah is a freaking psycho. She started screaming at me because I said her headline was crap. She was yelling and cussing up a storm. I swear she would have hit me if I hadn't ran to the bathroom crying.

April is always starting fights with the copy-editors. I'm just waiting for the day Kayla has enough of it and slaps her across the face.

Bryce isn't any better, always acting like he's big s\*\*\*, but then takes the easy way out. He barely pulls his weight as a copy editor and won't even take on a challenging story. But, hey, at least he always has his good-for-nothing stories done on time.

Jessica's obsession with corgi's is getting way out of hand. She spends hours staring at photos of those ugly little things and going on and on about how cute they are. Today she started bawling because she said she needs a puppy. I wouldn't be surprised if she showed up with one at layout next week.

Meredith is the worst assistant editor of all time. I swear she edits errors into the paper. Tonight I caught her adding random words in the middle of my story. Think you're going to make me look bad, think again. I'll expose all your dirty little secrets, and then we'll see how you feel.

## KEGGER, FROM FRONT

its flaming jaws, extending the flame and setting the nearby tree on fire. The fire department didn’t come because it was detained in the Snarr halls with a bag of burning popcorn.

Things took a slight turn for the worse when two students decided to be party poopers and die.

They were taken to the hospital, where in surgery two of the nurses in the operating room were removed due to getting a contact drunk, were finally pronounced dead from alcohol poisoning. Their last words were, “Sorry for party rockin’.”

## HARLEM SHAKE, FROM FRONT

and there’s no turning back.”

But all the research has been clear on one very important way to combat the world ending. If the world keeps spinning out of control, the Earth will like it and put a ring of fire around our planet, killing every living thing on it.

The prophecy states that if

all the students in the world pass their finals on May 15th, the ring of fire will fail and be extinguished.

Editorial Note: Professors, FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD AND ALL THAT YOU CONSIDER HOLY, MAKE THE FINALS EASY!



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